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In re Patent Application of) **MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**
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Sir:

The February 23, 2009 Official Action indicates that the claims in this application are directed to five different species, and requires an election of one the five species. As identified in the Official Action, the five species are as follows:

Species I, recited in Claims 63, 65-68, 71, 72 and 74-76, drawn to a porous connector between a tank and a fuel cell;

Species II, recited in Claims 77-86 and 144, drawn to a valve connector between a tank and a fuel cell;

Species III, recited in Claims 73 and 87-116, drawn to a discharge tank connected to a fuel cell and tank system;

Species IV, recited in Claims 64 and 116-143, drawn to a detachable fuel tank; and

Species V, recited in Claims 69 and 70, drawn to a guide tube connecting a fuel tank and fuel cell.